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FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Oct. 11, 1871.

The Synod of North Carolina met according to adjournment and was opened with a sermon by Rev. S. A. Stanfield, Moderator, from Philippians, 2d ch., 12th v.

The Synod was then constituted with prayer.

The roll of Ministers and Churches was called, and the following members were found to be present:

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE.

Ministers—Jacob Doll, A. G. Hughes, A. Currie, S. A. Stanfield, Thomas U. Faucette, Joseph M. Atkinson, P. H. Dalton, J. Henry Smith, F. H. Johnston, W. B. Tidball and L. C. Vass.

Ruling-Elders—S. S. Clayton, S. White, Wm. R. Hughes, J. A. Womack and T. C. Ford.

PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD.

Ministers—Thomas P. Johnston, T. N. Paxton, Geo. M. Gibbs, B. L. Beall, D. A. Penick and William A. Wood.

Ruling-Elders—T. H. Robinson, E. N. McNeely, N. F. Hall, J. E. Posten and J. H. Greenlee.

PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE.

Ministers—Hector McLean, J. P. McPherson, Neill McKay, D.D., A. McMillan, J. M. Sherwood, M. McQueen, James McQueen, A. McQueen, J. H. Coble, H. G. Hill, M. McNair, A. N. Ferguson and K. M. McIntyre.

Ruling-Elders—John C. Campbell, Neill Graham, Neill McDonald, D. McIntyre, W. D. Harrington, B. Fuller, M. McIntosh, William Shaw, Peter Brown, D. C. Currie, A. McLeod, Duncan Bethune, M. Ferguson, L. D. Cameron and John M. McKinnon.

PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON.

Ministers—S. C. Alexander, S. H. Isler, James Kelly, L. McKinnon, A. McFadyen and A. Kirkland.

Ruling-Elders—W. H. Beatty, E. C. Currie, Dr. C. T. Murphy, G. S. Carr, James Murphy and B. F. Grady.

PRESBYTERY OF MECKLENBURG.

Ministers—John Douglas, Walter W. Pharr, R. B. Anderson and H. H. Banks.

Ruling-Elders—J. R. Hutchinson and S. M. Banks.

ABSENT.—PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE.

Ministers—G. W. Ferrill, Edward Hines, D. E. Jordan, Drury Lacy, D.D., James C. Alexander, C. N. Morrow, C. Phillips, D.D., C. H. Wiley, H. B. Pratt and E. H. Harding.

ABSENT.—PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD.

Ministers—Jesse Rankin, Daniel Lindley, E. F. Rockwell, S. C. Millen, S. C. Pharr, D.D., J. Rumple, William W. Pharr, Robert Bradley and J. B. Mack.

ABSENT.—PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE.

Ministers—Hector McNeill, D. D. McBryde, N. T. Bowden, D. Fairley and Joseph Evans.

ABSENT.—PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON.

Ministers—D. B. Black, H. A. Munroe, Colin Shaw, J. M. Sprunt, B. F. Marable, H. L. Singleton, N. Z. Graves and H. B. Burr.

ABSENT.—PRESBYTERY OF MECKLENBURG.

Ministers—R. H. Morrison, D.D., Robert Burwell, J. E. Morrison, J. D. Hall, N. Shotwell, W. N. Morrison, R. H. Chapman, D.D., William Graves, J. F. W. Freeman, T. E. Davis, J. C. Williams, J. Hood, A. W. Miller, D.D., G. D. Parks, J. S. Barr, R. Z. Johnston, William McDonald and J. J. Kennedy.

Rev. J. P. McPherson was elected Moderator, and Rev. Messrs. F. H. Johnston and G. M. Gibbs Temporary Clerks.

On motion, the Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock. Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING, Oct. 12, 1871.

The Synod met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The roll was called.

The minutes of last night's session were read and approved.

Mr. Walter Smith, Ruling-Elder from the Presbytery of Fayetteville; Mr. Jesse H. Lindsay, Ruling-Elder from the Presbytery of Orange, and Mr. W. N. Whitted, Ruling-Elder from the Presbytery of Wilmington, appeared in Synod, and after rendering satisfactory reasons for tardiness, their names were enrolled.

Rev. James C. Alexander, of the Presbytery of Orange; Rev. R. Burwell, of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg; Rev. Hector McNeill and Rev. D. Fairley, of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, appeared in Synod, and after rendering satisfactory reasons for tardiness, took their seats.

On motion, the reading of the Minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

The following Ministers rendered satisfactory reasons for absence from the last meeting of Synod: T. P. Johnston, Hector McNeill, J. McQueen, A. McQueen, J. H. Coble, M. McNair, K. M. McIntyre, A. McFadyen and R. B. Anderson.

The statistical reports from the Presbyteries were read and approved. They are as follows:

THE PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE.

The Presbytery of Orange report to the Synod of North Carolina, that they consist of 21 Ministers, and have under their care 50 Churches, 3 Licentiates and 12 Candidates; that on the 6th day of October, 1870, they received under their care Mr. James W. Shearer, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Roanoke; that on the 5th day of April, 1871, they dissolved the Church of Milburnie and directed the members to attach themselves to the Church of Raleigh; that on the 7th day of April, 1871, they licensed Mr. John W. Primrose to preach the gospel; that on the same day they dismissed Rev. J. M. M. Caldwell to join the Presbytery of Cherokee; that on the 16th day of September, 1871, they received the Rev. E. H. Harding from the Presbytery of Concord; and that their next stated meeting will be held in Newbern, N. C., on Wednesday before the first Sabbath in April, 1872, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JACOB DOLL, Stated Clerk.

October 4, 1871.

THE PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD.

The Presbytery of Concord report to the Synod of North Carolina, that they consist of 15 Ministers, and have under their care 32 Churches, one Licentiate and 12 Candidates; that on the 22d day of March, 1871, they dissolved the pas-

ween the Rev. R. H. Caldwell and the Churches of Bethany and

Fifth Creek, and on the same day dismissed, at his own request, the Rev. R. H. Caldwell to connect himself with the Central Mississippi Presbytery; that on the 13th day of April they received, on certificate from Charleston Presbytery, the Rev. J. B. Mack; that on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. E. H. Harding and the Church of Concord town; that on the same day they dismissed, at his own request, the Rev. E. H. Harding to connect himself with the Presbytery of Orange; that on the 12th day of August they installed the Rev. J. B. Mack Pastor of Rocky River Church; that on the 28th day of June they lost by death the Rev. G. Wilson McPhail, D.D., the worthy President of Davidson College; and that their next stated meeting will be at Concord Church, Iredell County, on Thursday before the 3d Sabbath in April, 1872. Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM W. PHARR, Stated Clerk.

THE PRESBYTERY OF FAYETEEVILLE.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville would respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina, that they consist of 18 Ministers, and have under their care 46 Churches and 11 Candidates for the ministry: that on the 11th day of November, 1870, they organized Iona Church, in Robeson County; that on the 6th day of April, 1871, they enrolled Rev. Joseph Evans, a foreign Minister, acccording to the order of Synod; and that on the 8th day of August, 1871, they lost by death Rev. Hector McAlister: and that on the 10th day of October, 1871, they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. M. McNair, as co-pastor, and Lumber Bridge Church. Respectfully submitted, by order of Presbytery.

J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

St. Paul's, October 10, 1871.

THE PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON.

The Presbytery of Wilmington would respectfully submit to the Synod of North Carolina the following statistical report:

At present this Presbytery consists of 14 Ministers and has under its care 27 Churches, 2 Licentiates and 5 Candidates; that on the 7th day of March, 1871, Rev. S. C. Alexander, Evangelist of Presbytery, organized a Church at Swannsboro', and on the 27th day of August, 1871, a Church on Topsail Sound: and that on the 8th day of September, 1871, Mr. W. H. Darden was received under the care of this Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry.

By order of Presbytery.

L. McKINNON, Stated Clerk.

Black River Chapel, Sept. 9, 1871.

THE PRESBYTERY OF MECKLENBURG.

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina:

1. That they consist of 22 Ministers, and have under their care 39 Churches and 6 Candidates.

2. That they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. William McDonald and the Church of Bethlehem (one-third of his time) on the 14th April, 1871, and declared that Church vacant.

3. That they lost by death, on 24th April, 1871, the Rev. Robert N. Davis.

4. That 10 of their Ministers are Pastors, 7 are Stated Supplies, and 3 are without charge; 11 of their Churches are vacant, 4 have Pastors all of their time and the rest are supplied. Respectfully submitted.

R. Z. JOHNSTON, Stated Clerk.

Near Charlotte, October 7, 1871.

Mr. James D. Cumming, Ruling-Elder from the Presbytery of Wilmington, appeared in Synod, and after rendering satisfactory reasons for tardiness, took his seat.

The narratives on the state of religion from the several Presbyteries were read and referred to the committee appointed to prepare an address to the Churches.

Letters rendering satisfactory reasons for absence from the present meeting were read from Rev. Messrs. J. C. Williams, William W. Pharr, Charles Phillips, D.D., J. Hood, E. Hines, S. C. Pharr, D.D., E. F. Rockwell, G. D. Parks, A. W. Miller, D.D., and R. Z. Johnston.

The report of the Board of Directors and Trustees of Union Theological Seminary was read and referred to the committee on the Seminary.

Rev. Messrs. James P. McPherson, L. McKinnon and J. M. Sherwood, of the Board of Directors of Union Theological Seminary, were excused for failure to attend the meeting of the Board last May.

Rev. John M. Sherwood resigned the office of Director of the Seminary and his resignation was accepted.

The vacancy in the Board occasioned by this resignation, together with that occasioned by the expiration of the term of office of the 4th Class of Directors in said Board, were referred to the committee on the Seminary.

Excuses of absentees at the calling of the roll at the close of the last meeting of Synod were called for; when it appeared that none of those absentees were present at this meeting.

The reports of the various Presbyteries on Systematic Benevolence were read and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The committee appointed to prepare a sketch of the life and labors of Rev. Daniel Johnson made a report, which was accepted and approved.

The report of the Treasurer of Synod was read and referred to the committee on the Treasurer's account.

The Rev. Neill McKay, D.D., Agent of Education, read a report, which was accepted and approved and the resolution appended to it was adopted.

[NOTE, —This paper was not placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk]

On motion, the reading of the report of the Agent of Publication was made the first order of the day for this afternoon.

Rev. D. D. McBryde, of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, appeared in Synod, and after rendering satisfactory reasons for tardiness, took his seat.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

1. ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.—Ministers: S. A. Stanfield, T. N. Paxton and H. McLean. Ruling-Elders; J. A. Womack and E. N. McNeely.

2. JUDICIAL COMMITTEE.—Ministers: P. H. Dalton, Thomas P. Johnston and S. H. Isler. Ruling-Elders: D. Wharton and N. F. Hall.

3. ON THE RECORDS OF ORANGE PRESBYTERY.—Ministers: J. H. Coble and S. C. Alexander. Ruling-Elder: Neill Graham.

4. ON THE RECORDS OF CONCORD PRESBYTERY.—Ministers: J. C. Alexander and A. McQueen. Ruling-Elder: M. McIntosh.

5. ON THE RECORDS OF FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.—Ministers: L. C. Vass and James Kelly. Ruling-Elder: Jesse H. Lindsay.

6. ON THE RECORDS OF WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.—Ministers: Thomas C. Faucette and B. L. Beall. Ruling-Elder: J. E. Posten.

7. ON THE RECORDS OF MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.—Ministers: L. McKinnon and William B. Tidball. Ruling-Elder: S. S. Clayton.

8. TO PREPARE AN ADDRESS TO THE CHURCHES ON THE STATE OF RELIGION WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE SYNOD.—Ministers: H. H. Banks and William A. Wood. Ruling-Elder: Gibson S. Carr.

9. ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.—Ministers: H. G. Hill and J. M. Sherwood. Ruling-Elder: B. Fuller.

10. ON THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.—Ruling-Elders: W. N. Whitted, James D. Cumming and James Murphy.

11. ON THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.—Ministers: A. G. Hughes and A. Currie. Ruling-Elder: T. H. Robinson.

12. ON UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—Ministers: Joseph M. Atkinson and Daniel A. Penick. Ruling-Elder: W. R. Hughes.

13. ON THE REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.—Minister: S. A. Stanfield. Ruling-Elders: D. McIntyre and B. F. Grady.

14. ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—Ministers: John Douglas and S. H. Isler. Ruling-Elder: T. C. Ford.

On motion, the Synod then took recess until 4 o'clock.

After recess the Synod met and was called to order.

The McPherson Church, in this vicinity, requested to be supplied with preaching by members of the Synod on next Sabbath.

On motion, this request was referred to the committee on Devotional Exercises.

The order of the day was then taken up and Rev. J. Henry Smith, Agent of Publication, read his report. On motion, this report was accepted and approved.

Rev. Mr. Mann, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Methodist and Baptist Churches in this city were tendered for the use of the Synod next Sabbath. This matter was referred to the committee on Devotional Exercises.

The committee appointed to prepare a sketch of the life and labors of Rev. Alexander Wilson, D.D., made a report, which was received and approved.

The report of the Agent of Foreign Missions was read and approved. And, on motion, the resolutions appended to the report, and a meeting in behalf of the cause of Foreign Missions, were made the order of the day for to-morrow evening at 7½ o'clock.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was directed to have one thousand copies of the Minutes of the present session of Synod published in pamphlet form.

Charlotte, N. C., was chosen as the place, and Wednesday before the 2d Sabbath in October, 1872, at 7½ o'clock P. M., as the time, for the next meeting of the Synod.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Friday Morning, Oct. 13, 1871.

The Synod met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The roll of the Synod was then called and the Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. E. H. Harding, of the Presbytery of Orange; Rev. Messrs. J. Rumple and J. B. Mack, of the Presbytery of Concord; Rev. N. Shotwell, of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, and James Dalrymple, Ruling-Elder from the Presbytery of Fayetteville, appeared in Synod, and after rendering satisfactory reasons for tardiness, took their seats.

The committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly reported that they found nothing in the Minutes requiring the action of the Synod. This report was approved and the committee discharged.

The Stated Clerk presented the following statistical report of the Synod to the General Assembly, which was accepted and adopted:

REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. STATES.

The Synod of North Carolina reports to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, that it consists of five Presbyteries, and that these Presbyteries consist in whole of 90 Ministers, having under their care 194 Churches, 6 Licentiates and 46 Candidates, viz:

Presbyteries.	Ministers.	Churches.	Licentiates.	Candidates.
Orange,	21	50	3	12
Concord,	15	32	1	12
Fayetteville,	18	46	—	11
Wilmington,	14	27	2	5
Mecklenburg,	22	39	—	6
Total,	90	194	6	46

The Synod further reports that its next stated meeting will be held in Charlotte, N. C., on the 9th day of October, 1872, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

JACOB DOLL, Stated Clerk.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, of which the Presbyteries of this Synod are a component part, has under its direct care a Theological Seminary in all respects worthy of the confidence and patronage of the whole Church: And whereas, said Seminary is contiguous and accessible to a large number of our Ministers and Churches: And whereas, the Synod, in the altered relations of this Seminary, does not desire to constrain the consciences of those who may prefer this Seminary:

Resolved, That while the Synod re-affirms its deep interest in the welfare of Union Theological Seminary, and its determination to sustain and foster said Institution according to the terms of the contract made with the Synod of Virginia in 1826, the Synod nevertheless judges it expedient to rescind, and hereby does rescind, the resolution adopted by the Synod of North Carolina in 1857 (see Minutes of Synod, 1857, page 16,) whereby it is declared to be "the duty of all

its Presbyteries and Ministers to use all lawful means for inclining candidates to pursue their education within its walls."

Rev. H. C. Alexander, D.D., of the Synod of Virginia and Professor in the Union Theological Seminary, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev. H. B. Burr, of the Presbytery of Wilmington, appeared in Synod, and after rendering satisfactory reasons for tardiness, took his seat.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Murphy, a Director of Union Theological Seminary, giving his excuse for failure to attend the last meeting of the Board, and also resigning his office as Director. On motion, Mr. Murphy was excused for non-attendance and his resignation was accepted.

On motion, the committee on the Seminary was directed to make a nomination to fill the vacancy in the Board caused by the resignation of Mr. Murphy.

Rev. H. C. DuBose, of the Synod of South Carolina, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Letters were read from Rev. Drs. Lacy and Chapman, rendering satisfactory reasons for absence from the present meeting.

Rev. Ira T. Wyche, of the M. E. Church, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Mr. J. W. Cromartie, Ruling-Elder from the Presbytery of Wilmington, appeared in Synod, and after rendering satisfactory reasons for tardiness, took his seat.

The report of the Trustees of the Synod was read and accepted, and referred to the standing committee on the report of the Trustees of Synod.

Rev. John M. Sherwood, Synodical Agent of Sustentation, made a report, which was, on motion, accepted and approved.

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg obtained leave to withdraw from the floor of Synod for a time to attend to important business.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That each Agent of Synod for the five benevolent schemes be required to prepare an abstract of his report and forward it to the Editor of the "North Ca-

rolina Presbyterian" for publication; and that each Minister and each Session of the vacant Churches be required to read these abstracts to the congregations respectively.

The committee on the records of Wilmington Presbytery made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The committee to examine the records of Wilmington Presbytery report that these records are correctly and neatly kept, and recommend their approval as far as written.

The following communication from the Presbytery of Orange, proposing certain action by the Synod, was read and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Presbytery of Orange respectfully asks the Synod of North Carolina to adopt the following overture to the General Assembly:

The Synod of North Carolina respectfully overtures the General Assembly, that in order to secure accuracy in our reports and full understanding of the available strength of our Churches, the column which shows the total of communicants in the statistical report of Sessions be divided, so that every Church may report its membership as resident and non-resident.

The committee on the Treasurer's account made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the Treasurer's account beg leave to report that they have examined the same and found the account correctly kept and accompanied with proper vouchers.

They also find a balance due the Treasurer of $106 66.

They also find the following assessments unpaid, viz:

Concord Presbytery, for 1870,	$75 00
Ditto ditto, 1871,	37 50
Wilmington Presbytery, for 1871,	25 00
Mecklenburg Presbytery, for 1871,	37 50
	$175 00

Your committee recommend that the assessment of $75 for the year 1870 on Concord Presbytery be equally divided between the Presbytery of Concord and the Presbytery of Mecklenburg.

Your committee recommend the following assessments to be made for the year 1872:

Orange Presbytery, for the year 1872,		$65 00
Concord ditto,	ditto,	37 50
Fayetteville ditto,	ditto,	40 00
Wilmington ditto,	ditto,	25 00
Mecklenburg ditto,	ditto,	37 50
		$205 00

The committee on the records of the Presbytery of Fayetteville made a report, which was accepted, adopted and is as follows:

The committee on the records of the Presbytery of Fayetteville report to the Synod of North Carolina, that they have examined them and find that they are neatly and correctly kept, except that the statistical report of the Presbytery to the General Assembly, with which they close, is written in very pale red ink which seems to be fading out.

The committee on the records of Orange Presbytery made a report, recommending that they be approved as far as written. This report was adopted.

The Rev. Ira T. Wyche, Agent of the American Bible Society of North Carolina, by invitation addressed the Synod on the subject of his agency. Whereupon the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we have heard the address of the Rev. Ira T. Wyche, Agent of the American Bible Society, with pleasure, and recommend this cause to the favorable consideration of all our Churches.

On motion, it was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock to consider the interests of Union Theological Seminary, and to hear an address from Professor H. C. Alexander in relation to the same subject.

Rev. L. C. Vass, Synodical Agent of Sabbath-Schools, made a report, which was accepted and approved.

The committee on the records of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg reported that they had examined them and recommend that they be approved as far as written. This report was, on motion, adopted.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, the Presbytery of Orange has united with the Presbytery of Wilmington in asking the Synod of North Carolina to make a change in the dividing line between these two Presbyteries: Therefore,

Resolved, That the dividing line between the Presbytery of Orange and the Presbytery of Wilmington be so changed as to throw Carteret County within the bounds of Wilmington Presbytery.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, the resolutions appended to the report on Foreign Missions were taken up, and, after appropriate religious exercises and addresses by several members and by the Rev. H. C. DuBose,

recently appointed to the Chinese Mission, the resolutions were adopted and are as follows:

Resolved, 1. That Synod is grateful to God for the honor and privilege conferred upon our beloved Church in her efforts in this department, and prays for wisdom and grace to make her worthy of the same.

Resolved, 2. That this Synod will endeavor to raise its share of the $50,000 required to carry on the work during the current year, conscious of no higher motive than the love of Jesus and no greater blessing than his approval.

Resolved, 3. That in addition to the recommendation of the General Assembly to the Presbyteries in regard to SabbathS-chool collections and the Monthly Concert, the Synod exhorts the Presbyteries to new efforts in behalf of this cause, and suggests the propriety of their devoting an hour at each Spring session to conference and prayer in regard to this subject.

On motion, a synodical collection was then taken up for Foreign Missions.

On motion, the Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock. Closed with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING, Oct. 14, 1871.

The Synod met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

The roll was called and the Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Judicial committee made a report, which was accepted and the committee discharged.

Rev. Walter W. Pharr and Rev. Robert Burwell, with Mr. J. R. Hutchinson, Ruling-Elder, were appointed a committee to bring in a minute expressive of the sense of this body in reference to the death of Rev. R. N. Davis, a member of this Synod.

Rev. William A. Wood and Rev. T. N. Paxton, with Ruling-Elder N. F. Hall, were appointed a committee to bring in a minute in reference to the death of Rev. G. Wilson McPhail, D.D., President of Davidson College.

Rev. D. D. McBryde and Rev. H. G. Hill, with Mr. B. Fuller, Ruling-Elder, were appointed a committee to prepare a minute in reference to the death of Rev. Hector McAlister, a member of the Presbytery of Fayetteville.

The committee appointed to prepare a memoir of Rev. Robert Tate made a report, which was accepted, approved and ordered to be filed away by the Stated Clerk.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, the report of the committee on the Union Theological Seminary was read.

After which the Rev. H. C. Alexander, D.D., Professor in the Seminary, addressed the Synod.

The report was then amended, adopted and is as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Trustees and Director of the Union Theological Seminary respectfully submit the following:

We find that our task for the most part is confined to a thankful acknowledgment of the favor of God toward this beloved insitution, as shown in the following particulars:

1. The continued and regular increase of students—more than forty-two during the last year—with every prospect of a gratifying increase.

2. Twelve hundred and twenty-six volumes have been added to the library.

3. The finances of the Seminary are in a hopeful state.

4. The Churches of Virginia and North Carolina have to a gratifying extent responded to the appeal to furnish the rooms for the students, and yet we think it proper to urge upon the Churches which have done nothing for this purpose to make contributions.

We recommend for filling the vacancies in the Board of Directors: In the place of Rev. John M. Sherwood, the Rev. H. G. Hill; and in the place of Mr. Patrick Murphy, Ruling-Elder, Dr. C. T. Murphy, Ruling-Elder.

We further recommend that Rev. James P. McPherson and Rev. Walter W. Pharr, with Dr. R. L. Beall, Ruling-Elder, be elected for four years to fill the class whose term of office expires with this meeting of Synod.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod of North Carolina directs the Commissioners to the General Assembly from the Presbyteries constituting this Synod to use their influence to have the overture respecting a change in the form of statistical reports of Sessions adopted by the Assembly.

The committee to prepare a minute on the death of Rev. R. N. Davis made a report, which was accepted and adopted.

On motion, the Synodical collection taken up for Foreign Missions, amounting to $77 62, was ordered to be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of Synod.

The committee on Bills and Overtures reported that no business came into their hands. This report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Jesse H. Lindsay tendered his resignation as a member of the Board of Trustees of Synod. On motion, his resignation was accepted.

The committee to prepare a minute on the death of Rev. Hector McAlister made a report, which was accepted and approved.

The committee on leave of absence made a report, which was accepted, adopted and is as follows:

The committee on leave of absence report that the following members have obtained leave of absence during the sessions of Synod, viz: Messrs. Daniel McIntyre, M. Ferguson, John M. McKinnon, William Shaw, Dr. Wm. R. Hughes, James Murphy, David Wharton, M. McIntosh, Neill Graham, Archibald McLeod, G. S. Carr, T. C. Ford, Peter Brown and B. F. Grady, Ruling-Elders; Rev. Messrs, Hector McNeill, Alexander Kirkland, Thomas U. Faucette, Neill McKay, D.D., S. A. Stanfield, A. N. Ferguson, G. M. Gibbs, James C. Alexander, A. McMillan, L. McKinnon, M. McNair, S. C. Alexander, J. H. Coble, H. McLean, A. McQueen and James McQueen.

The committee appointed to prepare a minute on the death of Rev. G. Wilson McPhail, D.D., made a report, which was accepted and approved.

The following communication from the Presbytery of Fayetteville, in reference to the "North Carolina Presbyterian," was read, amended and adopted:

The Presbytery of Fayetteville, feeling a lively interest in the "North Carolina Presbyterian" and anxious that its circulation may be extended until every family in our Church shall be supplied with a copy, respectfully asks the Synod to take such action in the premises as will bring its claims more prominently before our people, and to that end submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Synod of North Carolina would urge upon all our Sessions to see that every family within their respective charges be supplied with the "North Carolina Presbyterian," and that our Churches be opened to any authorized agent or friend who may be traveling in the interest of the same.

We would especially urge upon the Evangelists of the different Presbyteries to take this matter in their hands, and present its claims to any congregation and neighborhood in their respective fields.

We urge the Presbyteries to adopt, at their Spring meeting, such measures as may seem to them best calculated to extend the circulation of this paper.

The committee on the report of the Trustees of Synod made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The committee on the report of the Trustees of Synod would respectfully report to your body:

That they have examined the facts stated in the report of the committee, as gathered from the verbal statement of Mr. J. H. Lindsay and the paper submitted by Messrs. Cowan and Allison, together with the reports of the Trustees made to the Synod at its sessions in Newbern in 1867, and the more comprehensive and detailed statement made by the Trustees to the Synod at its sessions in Morganton in 1869, as fully as the time at the disposal of the committee and the materials at hand would allow.

But one subject, that of the "Lorantz Fund," claims the attention of your committee, and, adopting the language of the report of 1867, we find that the Trustees were directed to collect the proceeds of the Lorantz legacy, and as fast as collected to pay over the money to the Synod's committee of Colportage.

Bearing in mind the words of the testator, that his bounty "should be vested in the hands of the Trustees of Synod to the end that it may further the promulgation of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ," this action of the Synod was a clear and unequivocal declaration of its will as to the manner in which the Trustees, its own agents, should deal with the fund, and an explicit declaration of its own mind as to the best way in which the wishes of the testator should be fulfilled. A part of the fund, viz: about $252, was paid over by the Trustees to the Committee on Colportage, and to this extent they discharged their duty with faithfulness. It is presumed by the committee that their account has already received credit for this sum, and that the amount now reported as due is the balance after making this deduction.

But your committee find that in October 1860 the Trustees reported that they had collected and loaned to the Trustees of Concord Female College $600 of the fund at 6 per cent. interest. This action was a clear departure from the specific direction given by the Synod. An assumption of control and authority by the Trustees which rendered them personally liable for the whole amount for which they were accountable; and if the Synod had then held them to the full measure of their accountability we should not now be called upon to acknowledge that not only the Trustees, but the Synod itself, has been unfaithful to the trust, and that the fund designed for a truly noble and Christian purpose has been suffered to become lost through a negligence that is wholly inexcusable. For it seems clear that the Synod, by its subsequent action, has assented to the wrongful appropriation of this fund, and by this assent has lost its right of action against the Trustees and made themselves also liable to the imputation of unfaithfulness.

It is enough to say on this subject that the fund is now lost, unless in the sale of the Concord Female College the property shall bring enough to discharge the specific lien now upon it and a further sum which shall be sufficient to discharge all other demands. These, as we are informed by the report made to this body, will be about as much more as the debt for which the property is mortgaged—in all about $20,000. As to the probability of realizing anything from this source, or from the individual notes still held by the Trustees, the committee can express no opinion.

As to the suggestion of Mr. Lindsay, one of the Trustees, to discharge the present Board viz: Messrs. Allison, Cowan, Davis and Lindsay, and appoint three others to act in their stead, the committee would say, that they have examined the law upon the subject and find that it is plainly competent for the

Synod to pursue that course, if they deem it proper, as by the law of North Carolina, ratified 8th January 1845, it is provided that the body appointing may remove such Trustees, or any of them, and may fill vacancies occasioned by death, resignation or otherwise.

October 13, 1871.

Col. John E. Brown, of Charlotte, N. C., was elected a Trustee of Synod instead of Mr. Jesse H. Lindsay, resigned.

On motion, the Synod resolved to elect three additional Trustees. Whereupon the following gentlemen were elected: Messrs. S. P. Alexander, John L. Brown and Armistead Burwell, all of the city of Charlotte, N. C.

The committee to prepare an address to the Churches made a report, which was accepted, approved and ordered to be published in the "North Carolina Presbyterian," in the Appendix to the Minutes of Synod, and to be read by Pastors, Stated Supplies and Sessions of vacant Churches to their charges respectively.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be and are hereby tendered to the members of this Church and citizens of the community for the Christian hospitality extended by them to the members of the Synod; and also to the various Railroads for their reduction of fare, and the Methodist and Baptist Churches and the officers of the Evans Chapel for the use of their houses of worship; and that the Pastor of this Church be requested to read this resolution from the pulpit on the Sabbath, and that the city papers be requested to publish the same.

The committee on devotional exercises made a report, which was accepted and the committee discharged.

The roll was called, when it was found that the following members were absent without permission:

From Orange Presbytery.—Rev. A. Currie.

From Fayetteville Presbytery.—Rev. M. McQueen, Rev. D. D. McBryde, Mr. W. D. Harrington and Mr. John C. Campbell, Ruling-Elders.

From Wilmington Presbytery.—Rev. James Kelly and Mr. E. C. Currie, Ruling-Elder.

From Mecklenburg Presbytery.—Mr. S. M. Banks, Ruling-Elder.

On motion, the Synod then adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church in the city of Charlotte, N. C., on Wednesday before the second Sabbath of October, 1872, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

Closed with singing, prayer and the apostolic benediction.

JACOB DOLL, Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

ADDRESS TO THE CHURCHES.

The Synod of North Carolina to all the Saints in Christ Jesus under its care, with the Bishops and Deacons:

Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are bound to give thanks to God for you, dearly beloved Brethren, since we have heard the cheering reports which have come up to us from most of the Presbyteries respecting your steadfastness in the faith of the Gospel, and the healthful growth in so many of the graces which adorn the Christian character.

With unfeigned joy we hail the assurances given us that the ministry are, as a general thing, consecrated to their covenanted work; that so many precious seals of their ministry among you have been added to your number; and that here and there, the blessed Saviour has visited His plantation with refreshing showers of His grace.

Other indications of the Divine favor also awaken within us emotions of fervent gratitude; such as the general and unceasing interest in the spiritual instruction of the youthful and the ignorant by means of Sabbath-Schools and Bible-Classes; the earnest zeal with which evangelistic labors have been prosecuted in several of the Presbyteries; the praiseworthy efforts to erect sanctuaries for Divine worship and to provide comfortable homes for your Pastors, and the growing interest which is reported in that duty of such vast and vital importance to the prosperity of Zion, viz: Systematic benevolence.

Yet, Brethren, our joy and gratitude on your behalf is not unmingled with feelings of sadness, as complaints reach us from various quarters of abounding lukewarmness and worldly-mindedness; of ministers cramped and hindered by scanty support; of many Churches indisposed or unable to supply themselves with the regular means of grace; of fields whitening to the harvest but no laborers to enter in; of family altars neglected; of prayer-meetings thinly attended, or entirely deserted; of criminal indifference to missionary work among the perishing heathen; of Sessions delinquent in the exercise of faithful discipline; and of the too frequent failure among the Churches to come up to the scriptural standard of giving of their substance to the spread of the Gospel.

And now, Brethren, bear with us while we earnestly exhort you upon several points, which, as the appointed custodians of your spiritual interests, we feel constrained to urge upon your attention.

I. We presume that, according to your Christian vows, you are regular attendants upon the ordinary services of God's house, on the Lord's Day and during the week; and that you are constant seekers at that fountain of all truth, God's holy Word; but in these days when the Press exerts such an immense and powerful influence both for good and evil, you have need to avail yourselves of the instruction and information which it affords concerning the condition and progress of the Redeemer's kingdom. Neglect not, therefore, to provide for

yourselves, and for your families, a wholesome Christian literature, especially in the form of the religious periodicals of the Church. A good religious newspaper is one of the "necessaries" of healthful spiritual "life" in every household. Those excellent publications of our Church, "The Earnest Worker," "The Children's Friend," and "The Missionary," should be regular visitors in every one of the Presbyterian homes of the State.

How can those who are ignorant and uninformed be otherwise than indifferent and uninterested in the various departments of the Church's work.

II. We repeat to you with emphasis the Apostolic injunction: "*Be not conformed to this world!*"

The world's fashions, the world's amusements, and the world's maxims and modes of transacting business, surely ill become those who have professed to "come out and be separate from the world." When pious Jehoshaphat is found in unhallowed affinity with impious Ahab, there is surely need for the Divine rebuke: "Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the Lord?" "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God." "Set your affection on things above, and not on things on the earth!" Be found in no circumstances yourselves (nor let your children be found) where you would be *ashamed* to be found by the Master, were He suddenly to appear!

III. We affectionately entreat you to remember your Christian stewardship. Let those who occupy the Deacon's office, be diligent and faithful, to awaken and stimulate the grace of liberality in presenting and urging systematic plans and methods of giving, and in allowing no rest to the consciences of the covetous and the churlish. And let all our church members bear in mind the apostolic rule of giving: "Upon the first day of the week let every man among you lay by him in store according as God hath prospered him." Never forget, brethren, that Jesus, "whose eyes are as a flame of fire," as of old, solemnly "sits over against the treasury," narrowly observing what and how you "cast in."

The sin of Ananias and Sapphira in withholding consecrated property, and thus "lying to the Holy Ghost," is no less grievous an offence to Him now than in the days of the early church. Covetousness, by whatever soft names we may attempt to gloss it over, is always before God,—the sin of the accursed heathen "idolatry;" and the poor, no less than the rich, may be guilty of it. Amid the "hard times" likely to come upon you, in the Providence of God, during the ensuing year, you will be peculiarly tempted to neglect "rendering unto God the things that are His." We therefore warn you beforehand, not to permit any such plea to interfere with the paramount claims of Christ's kingdom upon you. "Seek that kingdom first," and emulate those noble Macedonians, to whose praise it was declared by an inspired Apostle: "that in a great trial of affliction, the abundance of their joy, and their deep poverty, abounded unto the riches of their liberality." The hardly earned and much needed money, given to Jesus, under such circumstances, from love to His name, will be as fragrant an offering as "the woman's alabaster-box of precious ointment."

IV. We urge upon the *Elders* who are among you, to "take heed unto themselves and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made them overseers, to *shepherd*" the blood-bought flock of Christ, remembering that "the

Elders who rule well shall be worthy of *double honor*." "Reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long-suffering and doctrine." "Them that sin *rebuke* before all, that others also may fear." If guilty Achans lurk *untroubled* in the camp, depend upon it, they will greatly "*trouble* Israel," and retard the victories of the Divine Spirit. And, let the people encourage their Elders, according to their solemn agreement at their ordination, in the exercise of faithful *discipline*. "We beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love, for their works' sake. And be at peace among yourselves." *Finally;* We warn you against the incursion of *false doctrine and seducing spirits*. "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits, whether they are of God."

Our merciful God hath forewarned us that, "in the last days perilous times shall come," "when evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived;"—when men, "having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof;"—men, "ever learning, but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth"—shall "creep into houses and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts." To avoid these perils, there is need of great *watchfulness* and *prayer*, and of close and holy *walking with* God.

Beware of the specious theories of an *atheistic materialism*. Beware of "oppositions of science, falsely so-called." "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."

Beware of *Ritualism* in all its phases. "Let no man judge you in meat and drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new-moon or of the Sabbath-days." Beware of them "that *say* they are apostles, and *are not*." Beware of all manner of "*will-worships*." These things have we written unto you, concerning them which seduce you. "And now, little children, abide in Him,—that when He shall appear, ye may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at His coming!"

In conclusion, dearly-beloved brethren,—"we commend you to God and the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified."

JAMES P. McPHERSON, Moderator.

Fayetteville, N. C., Oct. 14, 1871.

REPORT OF ORANGE PRESBYTERY ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

The Presbytery of Orange respectfully reports to the Synod of North Carolina the following results of their benevolent contributions for the year ending April 1st, 1871:

We have under our care 50 churches, of which 34 report contributions.

28	contributed to	Sustentation,	$532 00
29	" "	Foreign Missions,	609 00
29	" "	Education,	987 00
27	" "	Publication,	342 00
17	" "	Disabled Ministers and Widows and Orphans,	186 00
32	" "	Miscellaneous,	2108 00
	Total.		$4764 00

Our statistics show that

15 churches contributed to all five of our committees
12 " " " four " " "
2 " " " three " " "
1 " " " one " " "
20 " did not contribute to any of our "

A number of these twenty churches either have no members or only a nominal existence, and their names are kept on our roll in order to save the church property. Altogether these churches have 338 members.

There is an increase in the aggregate contributions of this year over the last of $153;—but there is a decrease in contributions to the five committees of $124

The envelope system or regular Sabbath collections are finding much favor with our churches.

All of which is submitted.

JACOB DOLL, Stated Clerk

Lexington, N. C., Sept. 19, 1871.

REPORT OF CONCORD PRESBYTERY ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

The Presbytery of Concord respectfully submits to the Synod of North Carolina the following report of their benevolent contributions for the year ending April 1st, 1871:

We have under our care 32 churches. Of these

4	contributed to	Relief Fund,	$ 81 00
13	"	" Education,	1,344 00
23	"	" Sustentation,	818 00
12	"	" Publication,	129 00
14	"	" Foreign Missions,	360 00
9	"	" Miscellaneous,	399 00
		Total,	$3,131 00

This Presbytery reports an increase of the total amount contributed to the above objects over last year of $1,101, and a somewhat larger number of contributing churches.

A number of our churches have adopted the plan of weekly subscriptions, and a few have adopted the plan of weekly payment as part of their Sabbath worship; the churches adopting this last plan especially, report an encouraging increase in their contributions.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. W. PHARR.
Stated Clerk of Concord Presbytery.

REPORT OF FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville would respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina on the subject of Systematic Benevolence:

That from the 12th of September 1870 to 14th September 1871.

35	Churches contributed	to Sustentation	$296 99
30	" "	to Foreign Missions	339 09
36	" "	to Education	374 62
25	" "	to Publication	131 50
12	" "	to Disabled Ministers	136 03
	Whole amount for 12 months		$1278 29

This is a decided improvement on the previous year, but still there is reason to regret that so many of our Churches do not seem to take any interest in our Church schemes.

Where does the fault lie? Just where we have often said in these reports—at the doors of Ministers, Ruling-Elders and Deacons; for if these schemes were properly explained and pressed upon the attention of our people there is not one Church within our bounds that would not contribute something to each of them.

Shall this state of things continue? Will our Church officers take the responsibility of withholding from the people an opportunity of doing their duty in this respect?

Let the officers of each Church, however small or feeble, determine that they will hereafter make an honest effort to collect something for each one of the objects of benevolence recommended by our General Assembly.

Respectfully submitted.

J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk

By order of Presbytery, Oct. 1871.

REPORT OF WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

The Presbytery of Wilmington would respectfully present to the Synod of North Carolina the following report on Systematic Benevolence for the year ending Sept. 1st, 1871, viz:

18	Churches contributed	to Education	$177 41
13	" "	to Publication	32 77
15	" "	to Sustentation	272 83
15	" "	to Foreign Missions	130 59
6	" "	to Disabled Ministers	51 63
	Contingent Fund		270 96
	Whole amount contributed		$965 96

This amount is $111 39 less than the amount contributed the previous year.

By order of Presbytery. Respectfully submitted.

L. McKINNON, Stated Clerk

REPORT OF MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg reports to the Synod of North Carolina on Systematic Benevolence as follows:

21	Churches contributed to Sustentation		$2630
20	" "	to Foreign Missions	523
18	" "	to Education	490
17	" "	to Publication	332
	Total		$3975

This report covers the year ending April 1871, Presbytery having ordered all statistics to end with that time.

Respectfully submitted.

R. Z. JOHNSTON, Stated Clerk.

Near Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 7, 1871.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—ANNUAL REPORT TO THE SYNODS OF NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY,
FARMVILLE, VA., May 10, 1871.

The Trustees and Directors of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia respectfully submit to the Synods of North Carolina and Virginia this their Annual Report:

The annual meeting of the Corporation, as also of the Directors, was held on the 9th and 10th days of May 1871.

The following members were present, to-wit: Rev. W. Brown, D.D., President: with Ministers Rev. J. H. Smith, E. Hines, F. H. Johnston, J. M. Atkinson, D.D., J. Rumple, and Elders R. L. Beall, E. N. Hutchinson, A. T. Summey, of the Synod of North Carolina; and Ministers Rev. J. J. Bullock, D.D., H. M. White, W. T. Richardson, Alex. Martin, Chas. White, and Elders A. G. McRwaine and E. M. Armstrong, of the Synod of Virginia.

Absent: Revs. C. H. Read, D.D., J. L. Kirkpatrick, D.D., J. P. McPherson, R. S. McKinnon, and Messrs. C. C. Read, C. L. Peyton and P. Murphy, (who were each excused,) and Rev. J. M. Sherwood.

The faculty is composed of the following Professors, to-wit: Revs. R. L. Dabney, D.D., B. M. Smith, D.D., Tho. E. Peck, D.D., and H. C. Alexander, D.D.

Students: Forty-one students have been in attendance during the year terminating 10th May 1871. In the Senior Class six, in the Middle class twenty-two, in the Junior class eighteen. Of these there were from Virginia 14, from North Carolina 11, from Tennessee 5, from Kentucky 5, from Maine 2, from Alabama 2, from West Virginia 4, from Maryland 1, from Texas 2.

The Senior Class have completed their course of study and are as follows, to-wit: Geo. L. Brown, Va.; Lew. B. Johnston, Va.; U. McLure, Mo.; J. W. Primrose, N. C.; J. T. Rothrock, Tenn.; J. Rockwell Smith, Ky.

Library: Twelve hundred and twenty-six volumes, on general and theological literature, have been added to the library. The sum of $2850 has been realized from the generous bequest of the late Rev. U. Powers, which has been judiciously expended in the purchase of valuable books, at home and abroad. Under the direction of the faculty, and by the sanction of the Trustees, plans and specifications for a library building have been drawn by a skilled and

scientific architect, and they will be executed when further funds are obtained for that purpose.

Finances: The incomes from investments (of the nominal value of $143,500.) have been sufficient to meet the current expenses and pay the salaries. The scholarship incomes have wisely and with manifest good been spent.

Rooms, &c.: The Churches of Virginia and North Carolina have, to a gratifying extent, responded to the appeal of the Trustees in 1870, "to supply furniture for unfurnished rooms, and to re-supply those heretofore furnished."

The Trustees report, with devout thankfulness to the Head of the Church, that the number of students during the past year was in advance of that of the previous year, and that they have reasonable grounds to expect a still larger number next session. The Professors have discharged their duties with earnest fidelity, and the diligence of the students generally has been commendable. The prayers of the people of God, in behalf of this Seminary, have been so signally answered, especially during the past year, that they ought to feel, in the blessings already received, the strongest encouragement "to pray" and not "to faint."

Officers: The official corps consists of the following, to-wit: Rev. Wm. Brown, D.D., President; Rev. J. Rumple and A. G. McIlwaine, Vice Presidents; C. C. Read, Secretary; F. N. Watkins, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. Examining Committee for 1872: Messrs. Bullock, Smith, Martin, Atkinson, Summey, Armstrong. Auditors for 1872: Summey and Armstrong. Executive Committee: Messrs. Brown, C. H. Read, C. C. Read, McIlwaine, Armstrong.

The legal title of the Corporation is: "The Trustees of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia." (See act of Gen. Assembly of Va., passed 9th Jan. 1867.)

Correspondence should be with F. N. Watkins, Cor. Sec. and Treas'r, "Farmville, Va.," except on business connected with the faculty, library, &c., which should be with Rev. Dr. R. L. Dabney, Sec. of Faculty, "Hampden Sidney" P. O., Prince Edward County, Va., which is also the Post Office address of the faculty, their families, and the students. Respectfully submitted.

C. C. READ, Sec'y.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

The Trustees report that the funds of Synod are thus situated:

The Female College has been sold to discharge a debt due to Davidson College, amounting to nine thousand dollars.

Mr. Stephenson, shortly after the report of 1869, had the benefit of homestead, but we hope will, after a while, find himself able to pay the debt due from him.

Mr. Lyon has not yet paid any part of his debt, but still expresses a willingness to pay, and we have not thought it advisable to press the claim.

WILLIAM F. COWAN.
THOMAS A. ALLISON.

October 1871.

MODERATORS OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

	MODERATORS.	PLACE OF MEETING
1813.	Rev. Robert H. Chapman	Alamance Church
1814.	Rev. Samuel C. Caldwell	Thyatira Church
1815.	Rev. William McPheeters	Fayetteville.
1816.	Rev. John Robinson	Raleigh.
1817.	No meeting—no quorum present	Rocky River
1818.	Rev. Joseph Caldwell, D.D.	Fayetteville
1819.	Rev. Jonathan Otis Freeman, M.D.	Raleigh.
1820.	Rev. William Paisley	Poplar Tent
1821.	Rev. John M. Wilson	Salisbury.
1822.	Rev. John Robinson	Hillsboro'.
1823.	Rev. John Witherspoon	Fayetteville
1824.	Rev. Colin McIver	Statesville.
1825.	Rev. John B. Davis	Greensboro'
1826.	Rev. William McPheeters, D.D.	Fayetteville
1827.	Rev. R. H. Morrison, D.D.	Salisbury.
	The Stated Clerk has no record of this and the two succeeding meetings	
1828.	Rev. Lemuel D. Hatch	Raleigh.
1829.	Rev. John Williamson	Fayetteville
1830.	Rev. Samuel L. Graham	Hopewell.
1831.	Rev. Hiram P. Goodrich	Hillsboro'.
1832.	Rev. Samuel Williamson	Salisbury.
1833.	Rev. Henry A. Rowland	Wilmington
1834.	Rev. James W. Douglass	Oxford.
1835.	Rev. Henry N. Pharr	Salisbury
1836.	Rev. Joseph Brown	Fayetteville
1837.	Rev. N. H. Harding	Shiloh.
1838.	Rev. Stephen Frontis	Third Creek Church
1839.	Rev. Daniel A. Penick	Lincolnton.
1840.	Rev. Alexander Wilson, D D	Danville, Va
1841.	Rev. William N. Peacock	Fayetteville.
1842.	Rev. Walter S. Pharr	Poplar Tent
1843.	Rev. James Phillips	Raleigh.
1844.	Rev. Simeon Colton	Fayetteville
1845.	Rev. Samuel Williamson	Charlotte.
1846.	Rev. Drury Lacy	Greensboro'
1847.	Rev. Evander McNair	Fayetteville
1848.	Rev. Cyrus Johnston	Salisbury
1849.	Rev. John A. Gretter	Hillsboro'
1850.	Rev. Adam Gilchrist	Centre.
1851.	Rev. Archibald Baker	Rocky River
1852.	Rev. William N. Mebane	Danville, Va
1853.	Rev. Hector McLean	Wilmington
1854.	Rev. A. L. Watts	Concord.
1855.	Rev. Eli W. Caruthers, D.D.	Greensboro
1856.	Rev. Neill McKay	Fayetteville
1857.	Rev. Walter W. Pharr	Charlotte
1858.	Rev. Jacob Doll	Newbern.
1859.	Rev. F. K. Nash	Wilmington
1860.	Rev. R. H. Lafferty	Statesville
1861.	Rev. Edward Hines	Raleigh.
1862.	Rev. John M. Sherwood	Goldsboro'
1863.	Rev. R. N. Davis	Salisbury.
1864.	Rev. A. G. Hughes	Greensboro
1865.	Rev. Colin Shaw	Fayetteville
1866.	Rev. R. Hett Chapman, D D	Charlotte
1867.	Rev. Archibald Currie	Newbern.
1868.	Rev. D. D. McBryde	Wilmington
1869.	Rev. Jesse Rankin	Morganton
1870	Rev. S. A. Stanfield	Raleigh
1871	Rev James P. McPherson	Fayetteville

STATED CLERKS OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

1813. Rev. Robert H. Chapman.
1818. Rev. Colin McIver.
1849. Rev. Drury Lacy.
1855. Rev. Archibald Baker.
1859. Rev. Jacob Doll.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IN NORTH CAROLINA.

FIRST CLASS—TO SERVE FOUR YEARS.

Rev. J. P. McPherson. — Dr. R. L. Beall, Ruling-Elder
Rev. Walter W. Pharr. — To go out in 1875.

SECOND CLASS—TO SERVE THREE YEARS.

Rev. L. McKinnon. — Mr. A. T. Summey, Ruling-Elder
Rev. J. Rumple. — To go out in 1874.

THIRD CLASS—TO SERVE TWO YEARS.

Rev. F. H. Johnston. — Dr. C. T. Murphy, Ruling-Elder
Rev. J. M. Atkinson. — To go out in 1873.

FOURTH CLASS—TO SERVE ONE YEAR.

Rev. J. H. Smith — Dr. E. Nye Hutchinson, Ruling-Elder
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DOCKET

Of the Fifty-ninth Session of the Synod of North Carolina to be held in Charlotte, N C, October 9, 1872

1. Prayer
2. Roll called.
3. Moderator chosen.
4. Temporary Clerks chosen
5. Minutes read
6. Absentees from the last meeting of Synod

From Orange Presbytery—Rev Messrs G W Purrill D F Morrison C N Morrow C H Wiley and D B Pratt

From Concord Presbytery.—Rev. Messrs Jesse Rankin, Daniel Lindley S. C. Millen and Robert Bradley.

From Fayetteville Presbytery.—Rev. Messrs. N. T. Bowden and Joseph Evans.

From Wilmington Presbytery.—Rev. Messrs. D. B. Black, H. A. Munroe, Colin Shaw, J. M. Sprunt, B. F. Marable, H. L. Singleton and N. Z. Graves

From Mecklenburg Presbytery.—Rev. Messrs. R. H. Morrison, D.D., J E. Morrison, J. D. Hall, W. N. Morrison, William Graves, J. F. W. Freeman, T. E. Davis, J. S. Barr, William McDonald and J. J. Kennedy.

7. Read the statistical reports of Orange, Concord, Fayetteville, Wilmington and Mecklenburg Presbyteries.

8. Appoint the following standing committees.

1. On Bills and Overtures.
2. Judicial Committee.
3. On the Records of Orange Presbytery.
4. On the Records of Concord Presbytery.
5. On the Records of Fayetteville Presbytery.
6. On the Records of Wilmington Presbytery.
7. On the Records of Mecklenburg Presbytery.
8. To prepare an address to the Churches on the state of religion within the bounds of the Synod.
9. On devotional exercises.
10. On the Treasurer's account.
11. On the Minutes of the General Assembly
12. On Union Theological Seminary.
13. On the report of the Trustees of Synod.
14. On leave of absence.

9. Read the narrative of Orange Presbytery on the state of religion.
10. Read the narrative of Concord Presbytery on the state of religion.
11. Read the narrative of Fayetteville Presbytery on the state of religion.
12. Read the narrative of Wilmington Presbytery on the state of religion.
13. Read the narrative of Mecklenburg Presbytery on the state of religion.
14. Read report of the Board of Directors of Union Theological Seminary.
15. The term of office of the 4th class of Directors of Union Theological Seminary expires at this meeting of the Synod, viz: Rev. J. H. Smith, Rev. H. G. Hill. and Dr. E. Nye Hutchinson, Ruling-Elder.
16. Absentees at the calling of the roll at the close of the last session. (See Minutes of the 58th session.)
17. Read the report of Orange Presbytery on systematic benevolence.
18. Read the report of Concord Presbytery on systematic benevolence.
19. Read the report of Fayetteville Presbytery on systematic benevolence.
20. Read the report of Wilmington Presbytery on systematic benevolence.
21. Read the report of Mecklenburg Presbytery on systematic benevolence.
22. Read the report of the Trustees of Synod.
23. Read the report of the Treasurer of Synod.
24. Report of the Agent of Sustentation, Rev. J. M. Sherwood.
25. Report of the Agent of Education, Rev. Neill McKay, D.D.
26. Report of the Agent of Foreign Missions, Rev. R. Z. Johnston.
27. Report of the Agent of Publication, Rev. J. H. Smith.
28. Report of the Agent of Sabbath-Schools, Rev. L. C. Vass.
29. Shall the Minutes of Synod be printed and how many copies?
30. Statistical report of Synod to the General Assembly.
31. Time and place of the next meeting of Synod.
32. Call the roll at the close of the session.
33. Close with singing, prayer and the apostolic benediction.